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TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT ON BANANA PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have signed a Technical Cooperation Project (TCP) on improvement of Banana Production; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Govt. of India have signed a Technical Cooperation Project on Improvement of Banana Production for Small Scale Growers with FAO at a total cost of $ 231,000. Main object of the project is to increase banana production of small farmers by setting up an efficient system for production of disease free planting material and post harvest management system. Total duration of the project is fifteen months. The expected project outputs are:

- Establishment of a nuclear stock from local and external sources, of clean and high quality tissue culture plantlets of high yielding and adapted banana varieties;

- An establishment protocol for the propagation and distribution of high quality banana planting materials within the areas covered by the project;

- A cadre of professional/technical staff well trained in handling tissue culture plantlets, virus indexing using PLISA kit, rapid multiplication and acclimatization of planting materials and training of farmers;

- A group of selected farmers trained in banana production technologies to achieve high productivity;

- An improved model for post-harvest handling.